

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2006**

President Perna began the meeting at 7:30 a.m. held at Freedom Hill County Park.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance:

James M. Perna, President
Gasper Salerno, Vice-President
Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Dino F. Bucci Jr., Sgt. At Arms
Gene Schabath, Rep. Anthony Marrocco
Marvin E. Sauger
Betty Slinde

Absent:

Phillip A. DiMaria
Anthony Lipinski
Thomas Raymus

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, Dave Humbyrd, and Sharon Quinn of Parks & Recreation; Jim Meyerand, Corporation Counsel; Gerry Santoro, Planning & Economic Development; Jamie Brown of Wade Trim; Frank Blowers, Vietnam Veterans Chapter; James McCarthy, Commissioner

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY MR. BUCCI TO APPROVE THE AGENDA MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gloria Johnson of Johnson Enterprise stated she dropped off a proposal for flea markets and would be available in January to speak on it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION BY MS. KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY MR. BUCCI WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2006. MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Casasanta asked for comments on the budget and stated that it is not an end of the year report.

A MOTION BY MS. KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY MR. SAUGER WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS SUBMITTED. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Perna asked if the Commission had any questions about Mr. Casasanta's letter to Johnson Enterprise relative to removal of their concession trailer.

Mr. Casasanta reported that he received further correspondence from Mr. Doug Johnson asking for a response from the Parks Commission before moving their trailer off the west lot.

Mr. Casasanta stated he is following the Park's policy and procedures by requesting that the trailer be removed at the end of the 2006 seasonal flea markets. He further stated the Park is not in the business of storing other business equipment and doesn't know applicable charges to do so.

Mr. Perna asked Ms. Johnson to address the Parks Commission. Ms. Johnson responded she is willing to pay a nominal fee to keep the trailer in the west lot and has included utility costs for equipment as noted in the proposal recently submitted.

Mr. Schabath asked Mr. Casasanta what has been done in the past. Mr. Casasanta stated it is the first he has encountered this type of situation.

Ms. Klein asked Mr. Meyerand of Corporation Counsel for his opinion.

Mr. Meyerand stated the flea market proposal in general was addressed back in September when a motion by Mr. Sauger was made to bring back the flea market proposal for discussion after finalization of the County's litigation. Mr. Meyerand further reiterated Mr. Casasanta's statements about following the Park's policy and procedures relative to removal of equipment at the end of all events.

Mr. Perna asked if a contract exists indicating removal of the concession trailer. Mr. Casasanta responded as of right now there is no existing contract with Gloria Johnson, the only contract was for the seasonal flea markets scheduled April thru October 2006.

Mr. Meyerand made a point of information that motions indicate the vote of the Commission not comments.

A MOTION BY MR. BUCCI, SUPPORTED BY MR. SCHABATH WAS MADE TO DENY THE REQUEST FROM JOHNSON ENTERPRISE AND HAVE THEIR TRAILER REMOVED IMMEDIATELY. MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Klein asked for clarification that a time frame be given for removal of said trailer.

A MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BUCCI, SUPPORTED BY MR. SALERNO TO DENY REQUEST FROM JOHNSON ENTERPRISE AND HAVE TRAILER REMOVED FROM THE PARK WITHIN ONE WEEK OF THIS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION BY MR. SALERNO, SUPPORTED BY MR. SAUGER WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE OTHER CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Fireworks 2007

Mr. Casasanta stated letters seeking sponsorship dollars for fireworks have been sent out and further letters will follow as Mr. Schabath and the Fireworks Committee continue to seek donations.

Master Plan

Mr. Santoro disseminated the first draft of the Master Plan to the Commission and stated that it is not all-inclusive but 90% of the language is contained therein. Mr. Santoro stated he would need comments from the Park Commission on the Master Plan back to him by next Tuesday, so he can have the final package available prior to the Parks and Recreation Commission's January meeting.

Mr. Brown, landscape architect from Wade Trim, presented overview drawings of the Park and identified items to reorganizing and expanding the Park. Mr. Santoro clarified areas contracted with Hillside does include parking behind the amphitheater, as well as, the entire fenced area and will be taking it into consideration and will not infringe upon their space, it will be considered as part of the whole park.

The Parks Commission took ten minutes as a quorum, along with Mr. Brown and Mr. Santoro and walked outside to look over the grounds as it relates to the drawing in the Master Plan. Mr. Brown of Wade Trim continued inside with the presentation and summarized the Master Plan with three points: 1) reorganize the vehicular circulation, b) expand the amount of open space with trails, interpretive signage, and 3) create defined space and design standards for memorials.

Mr. Perna reminded the commission to email comments to Anthony Casasanta with ideas on the first draft of the Master Plan by the end of the week.

Discussion ensued relative to time constraints with the new memorial and the Master Plan.

A MOTION BY MS. KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY MR. BUCCI TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION.

ROLL CALL VOTE

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Bucci	X	
DiMaria		absent
Raymus		absent
Klein	X	
Lipinski		absent
Malone		absent
Schabath	X	
Perna	X	
Salerno	X	
Sauger		absent
Slinde	X	
TOTAL	6	0

THE MOTION CARRIED.

The Commission went into Closed Session at 8:40 a.m. and reconvened at 8:50 a.m.

Purchase New Lawnmower

A MOTION BY MS. SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY MR. BUCCI WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW LAWNMOWER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,199.00 FOR THE PARK THROUGH THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

The Parks Commission no longer had a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

2007 County Events Parking Fee Rates
Macomb County Sheriff's Office Bicycle Division Fundraiser
UAW Local 2280 Picnic

No action taken.

OTHER

The Parks Organizational meeting is planned for January 3, 2007 @ 7:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Perna adjourned the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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